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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9505-4]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of 28 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) in Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Extension of the Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the extension of the public comment period for the notice of availability that published on November 14, 2011, 76 FR 70442 (FRL-9491-1). Specifically, comments will be accepted on the administrative record files and the calculations of 28 TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6. This notice covers waters in the State of Louisiana's Lake Pontchartrain Basin that were identified as impaired on the States Section 303(d) list. These TMDLs were completed in response to a court order in the lawsuit styled Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford, et al., No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.).

DATES: The public comments must be submitted in writing to the EPA on or before January 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the 28 TMDLs should be sent to Diane Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733 or email: smith.diane@epa.gov. For further information, contact Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145 or fax (214) 665-7373. The administrative record files for the 28 TMDLs are available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the

administrative record files may be viewed at

<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wg/npdes/tmdl/index.htm> , or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Smith at the above address. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

EPA Seeks Comment on 28 TMDLs

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following 28 TMDLs for waters located within Louisiana:

<u>Subsegment</u>	<u>Waterbody Name</u>	<u>Pollutant</u>
040102	Comite River – Wilson-Clinton Hwy to entrance of White Bayou (East Baton Rouge Parish) (Scenic)	Fecal Coliform
040103	Comite River – Entrance of White Bayou to Amite River	Fecal Coliform
040201	Bayou Manchac – Headwaters to Amite River	Fecal Coliform
040302	Amite River – LA Hwy 37 to Amite River Diversion Canal	Fecal Coliform
040304	Grays Creek – Headwaters to Amite River	Fecal Coliform
040305	Colyell Creek System (includes	Fecal Coliform

	Colyell Bay)	
040503	Natalbany River – Headwaters to Tickfaw River	Fecal Coliform
040504	Yellow Water River – Origin to Ponchatoula Creek	Fecal Coliform
040505	Ponchatoula Creek and Ponchatoula River	Fecal Coliform
040603	Selsers Creek – Origin to South Slough	Fecal Coliform
040703	Big Creek and Tributaries – Headwaters to confluence with Tangipahoa River	Fecal Coliform
040909	W-14 Main Diversion Canal – from its origin in the north end of the City of Slidell to its junction with Salt Bayou	Fecal Coliform
040910	Salt Bayou – Headwaters to Lake Pontchartrain (Estuarine)	Fecal Coliform
041302	Lake Pontchartrain Drainage Canals	Fecal Coliform
041401	New Orleans East Leveed Waterbodies (Estuarine)	Fecal Coliform
040501	Tickfaw River – From MS State Line to LA Hwy 42 (Scenic)	TDS
040504	Yellow Water River – Origin to Ponchatoula Creek	TDS

040301	Amite River – MS State Line to LA Hwy 37 (Scenic)	TSS
040401	Blind River – From Amite River Diversion Canal to mouth at Lake Maurepas (Scenic)	TSS
040903	Bayou Cane – Headwaters to U. S. Hwy 190 (Scenic)	TSS
040303	Amite River – Amite River Diversion Canal to Lake Maurepas	Mercury
040401	Blind River – From Amite River Diversion Canal to mouth at Lake Maurepas (Scenic)	Mercury
040403	Blind River – Source to confluence with Amite River Diversion Canal (Scenic)	Mercury
040501	Tickfaw River – From MS State Line to LA Hwy 42 (Scenic)	Mercury
040701	Tangipahoa River – MS State Line to Interstate Hwy 1-12 (Scenic)	Mercury
040801	Tchefuncte River and Tributaries - Headwaters to confluence with Bogue Falaya River (Scenic)	Mercury
040905	Bayou Liberty – Headwaters to LA Hwy 433	Mercury
040906	Bayou Liberty – LA Hwy 433 to confluence with Bayou Bonfouca (Estuarine)	Mercury

The EPA requests that the public provide any water quality related data and information relevant to the calculations for the 28 TMDLs. EPA will review all data and information submitted during the public comment period and will revise the TMDLs where appropriate. EPA will then forward the TMDLs to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). The LDEQ will incorporate the TMDLs into its current water quality management plan.

Dated: December 1, 2011.

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